



Tourism Cares Awards Professional Development Scholarships
Workforce Development for future leaders in travel, tourism, and hospitality

CANTON, Mass. (September 11, 2012) – Tourism Cares, the tourism industry’s premier charitable organization for preservation, conservation, restoration and education is pleased to award \$10,250 in Professional Development Scholarships to 10 graduates of travel and tourism or hospitality certificate programs across the United States. The scholarships are made possible by funding from the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA), International Airlines Travel Agent Network (IATAN), and International Tour Management Institute (ITMI). They are offered annually to students and professionals, who have completed travel and tourism or hospitality certificate programs at accredited or state-licensed educational institutions in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, or Canada.

“We take great pride in providing financial assistance and encouragement to these students and professionals as they pursue their educational and professional goals in travel and tourism or hospitality,” said Bruce Beckham, Executive Director at Tourism Cares.

“The essence of IATAN’s mission is to grow the Travel and Tourism sector, connecting Travel Professionals to the global supplier community. IATAN understands the economic benefits the Travel and Tourism Industry provides and IATAN supports the education of individuals entering or expanding their professional role in the Travel and Tourism sector”, said Jean Charles Odele Gruau, Regional Director for the Americas. “Travel and tourism widens horizons and brings greater opportunities for economic growth and cultural understanding. Travel professionals play a key role in facilitating these opportunities and IATAN congratulates all scholarship recipients”

Nina Meyer, President and interim Chief Executive Officer at the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) said, “ASTA has an ongoing commitment to ensure that the travel agency industry is not only growing but is a profitable and attractive place to work. The scholarships funded by ASTA members help to ensure that we are able to attract the best and brightest to our industry. These scholarship recipients will be the leaders of tomorrow and as such it’s vital that we provide them with every tool to ensure their future success.”

Tourism Cares is pleased to announce the following 2012 Professional Development Scholarship recipients:

Scholarship Name	Recipient	Educational Institution Attended
ASTA A. J. Spielman	Anne Barkow	International Tour Management Institute
ASTA George Reinke	Colton Cruse	International Tour Management Institute
ASTA George Reinke	Jeremiah West	International Tour Management Institute
IATAN Ronald A. Santana Memorial	Kira Butler	International Tour Management Institute
IATAN Ronald A. Santana Memorial	Lisa Leavitt	Los Medanos College
IATAN Ronald A. Santana Memorial	Teya MeiLan	International Tour Management Institute
IATAN Ronald A. Santana Memorial	Jessica Parker	International Tour Management Institute
IATAN Ronald A. Santana Memorial	Stacey Rishel	Los Medanos College
Dr. Bill Newton – Kathy Neville	Emily Rose Waggoner	International Tour Management Institute
Dr. Bill Newton – Kathy Neville	Zoe Wagoner	International Tour Management Institute

About Tourism Cares

Tourism Cares is a 501c(3) non-profit public charity that benefits society by preserving the travel experience for future generations by awarding grants to natural, cultural and historic sites worldwide; by focusing on workforce development through our student programs which provide support from classroom to career; and by organizing volunteer efforts to restore tourism-related sites in need of care and rejuvenation.

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